



Comox Valley Schools

Setting Yourself Up for Your Future
Careers Programs and Dual Credit

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Agenda



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Train in Trades
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Sampler Programs**

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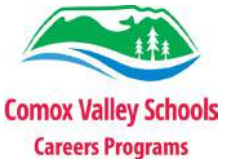
Dual Credit



Academics and Trades



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What is Dual Credit?

- Dual Credit means taking a college course while still in high school and receiving college course credits and high school elective course credits at the same time.
- This opportunity is for Grade 11 and 12 students, who meet the pre-requisites.

Why choose dual credit?

1. FREE tuition (some books in Library) you pay app fee (\$40)
2. It gives you a job that can make you a bigger paycheque.
3. It allows you to see what post-secondary school is like.
4. 80% of people return within 5 years to continue in their program of choice.
5. It's doable! Comparable to Eng. 12 and Hum & Phys 12





Planning Courses for Grade 11 and 12

Plan your courses so that you head down a career path of interest and passion.

Grade 11	Grade 12	
English 11 Socials 11 or 12 CLC11 – Pull out/Online Elective 11 Elective 11	English 12 *CLC 12/Capstone Elective 12 Elective 12	
Math 11 A Science 11 Elective 11 Elective 11	Elective 12 Elective 12 Elective 12 Elective 12	DC Academic/Trade
34 credit	30 credits	

To graduate you need?



Options for Academics

There are three post-secondary Institutions + Justice Institute of BC

North Island College Camosun Vancouver Island University JIBC

Options:

1. Three classes
2. Certificate program- Part of it or the entire program



Dual Credit Classes x 3 (Max)

How do you take courses

Students can take classes at the college we have partnered with that align with our schedule, or they can choose their course, which we will sponsor, though it may not align with our schedule.

Courses at Post Sec: Sept, Jan, May
Purchased Cohorts: Feb

NIC pathway courses for 2025/2026:

- Engineering: CPS 100, 101, Eng 160
- Biology: 159, 160 & 161
- App Developer: CPS 100, DGL 114
- English: 115, 122, 117, 116, 160...
- Business: 100, 150, 162...
- Fine Arts: 110 & 140
- Psych: 130 & 131
- Med. Terminology: MOA 155

“If you’re considering college or university, take Dual Credit. It’s going to set you up to explore what you’re passionate about and make the transition to post-secondary that much smoother.”

Victor Kamel
 NIC Dual Credit grad





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Certificate/Micro-Credential Programs

SD71 can sponsor any certificate program:

1. Early Childhood Care and Education
2. Health Care Assistant
3. Digital Marketing
4. Office Administration and others
5. Emergency Medical Responder
6. Educational Assistant
7. Web Designer
8. Android App Designer

Dual credit pathways

+ Arts and Sciences

+ Business

+ Health

+ Human Services

+ Technology

+ Tourism

+ Trades





Certificate Program

Early Childhood Care and Education

Growing Early Childhood Educators

- **Credential:** ECCE Certificate
- **Program length:** 10 months
- **Program dates:** Sept 2025- June 2026
- **Program Location:** Comox Valley Campus

Health & Human Services



Gain the theory, knowledge and practical skills needed to help make a positive change in the lives of others. NIC's graduates are in high demand in the health care and human services fields. You'll learn from expert instructors how to support individuals and build stronger, healthier communities.



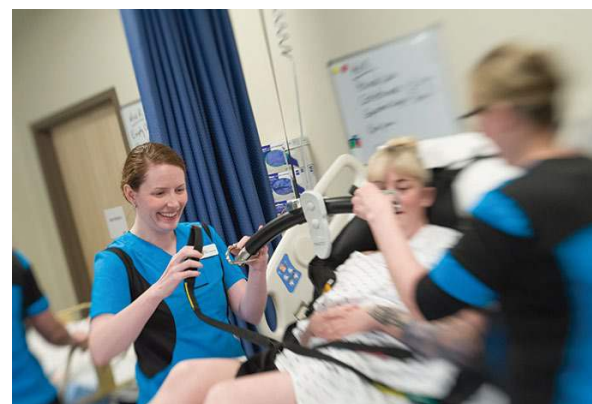
Certificate Program

Health Care Assistant Certificate

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6 Months long - January - Blended - St. Joe's Campus 2026

Experience the rewards of working in a caring profession, supporting older adults and vulnerable members of society as part of a dynamic health care team. As a graduate, you will be qualified to work as a frontline care provider in a variety of settings, including adult day programs, group homes, community care, residential care facilities or acute care hospitals.





Certificate Program

Digital Marketing Micro-Credential Program

Students receive 8 certificates

3 Months to complete

Program Cost - \$4000.00

Student Cost - \$350.00

The Digital Marketing course covers 6 key sessions: Social Media, Search Engine Optimization (SEO), Google Ads, Facebook & Instagram Ads, Google Analytics & Public Relations.

Our purpose is to teach our students the key aspects of the marketing mix that allow you to walk away with the knowledge, tools and certifications to build your next SEO, PR, Digital Ads, Social Media strategies, and more.

Job application Supports – 81 thousand jobs! Base salary Approx. \$50K



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Certificate Program

Office Administration Certificates and Courses

Office Administration Programs

Medical Terminology Skills for Office Administration Micro-credential

Office Administration-Office Management Certificate

Office Administration-Legal Office Assistant Certificate

Office Administration-Medical Office Assistant Certificate

Office Administration-Computing Accounting Assistant Certificate

Office Administration-Administrative Assistant Certificate

Office Administration-Office Assistant 1 Certificate



The NIC Advantage

- Online delivery
- Flexible schedules
- Multiple start dates
- Work at your own pace
- Ladder into NIC's Business degree
- Supportive and accessible faculty



I have graduated and have no student debt. My education has opened a lot of doors for me and because of that I have found a job that I enjoy.

Jessica Macy
Administration support/receptionist
Blue Ocean Dental Group



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Certificate Program

Emergency Medical Responder

Offered at: Highland Secondary and Mark R Isfeld Secondary

Semester 2 - Tuition Sponsored - Pre-req: Bio 12 *There is a program fee

The Emergency Medical Responder Course is an entry-level medical course that trains candidates to respond to life-threatening medical conditions and traumatic emergencies. The EMR course is systematically designed to progress learners through all aspects of pre-hospital care including various treatment guidelines and medical protocols.

Institution: Justice Institute of BC (JIBC)

EMR: Fire Fighters, Police, Nursing, Paramedic...



Dual Credit Trades Programs

- High school students can take their first level of technical training at a college and have their **tuition** sponsored.
(Books, material/lab fees, college fees are paid by the student)
- Students get Grade 12 credit for high school courses towards graduation **AND** an industry training level 1 - foundation program
- Full time **foundations** college programs (Mon – Fri) that range from 5 months to 10 months long (start in September or February)
(Each month is 4 grade 12 credits – 1 class)
- Learning in an Adult environment (70% is the new 50%)
- [Programs Offered](#)



Dual Credit Trades Programs



Carpentry Foundation

Months: 6
Start Date: Sept 3, 2024 - Feb 14, 2025 & Jan 27, 2025 - July 11, 2025
Credits: 24
Location: NIC Courtenay
Entrance: Pass English 11, Math 11

Recommended classes to take:
Woodwork, Youth Explore Skills Course, Drafting, SD71 Construction Trades Sampler



Electrical Foundation

Months: 6
Start Date: September 3 2024 - Feb 21, 2025 & Jan 27, 2025 - July 11, 2025
Credits: 24
Location: NIC Campbell River
Entrance: C+ English 11, C+ PREC11 or FOM11

Recommended classes to take:
Electronics, Physics 11, Youth Explore Skills Course, Drafting, SD71 Construction Trades Sampler



Heavy Mechanical Foundation

Months: 9
Start Date: September 3, 2024 - May 16, 2025 & February 2, 2025 - Oct 10, 2025
Credits: 36
Location: NIC Campbell River
Entrance: Pass English 11 & Math 11

Recommend classes to take:
Automotive, Metalwork, Electronics, Power Mechanics, Transportation Sampler



Instrumentation and Electrical Automation Technician

Months: 10
Start Date: September 3, 2024 - May 30, 2025
Credits: 40
Location: NIC Campbell River
Entrance: C+ English 11, C+ Math 11

Recommend classes to take:
Physics 11 (not required), Electronics/Robotics, Youth Explores Course, Drafting, Programming,

Automotive Service Technician – Hair Dressing – Cook – Plumbing and Pipefitting – Fabricator Welder – Welding Foundation

Academic Dual Credit Programs

Student Services = Student Success



Advising & Counselling

- Program exploration
- Assessment options
- Program and course planning
- Career counselling
- Personal counselling
- Time management and study skills



Accessible Learning

- Discuss and determine supports needed for student success



Learning Commons

- Peer Tutoring
- Writing support
- Math support
- Technical Services
- Research Support





Work In Trades

- Are you **ALREADY** working in a trade with a Red Seal trades person?
- Is the Red Seal trades person willing to apprentice you? Youth Work In Trades earns graduating credits **and** Work Based Training hours towards that trade.
- Completing all 4 courses (WRK11A, WRK11B, WRK12A, WRK12B) that are 120hrs of work each and continuing to 900hrs makes you eligible to apply for a \$1000 scholarship.



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District Trades Sampler Programs (Grade 11s) Construction, Metal, Transportation

- Semester 2 Program (One day a week Work Experience)
- 20 Course Credits (Trade Sampler 12A, 12B, 12C, Workplace Math 11 and Work Experience 12A)
- Students receive these certifications at minimum
 - WHMIS, First Aid– Level 1, Forklift, plus...
 - Match college/industry
- Industry/College tours
- Have a district application and an interview process in the spring
- 16 kids in a class
- Jobs after the placements – check in with Youth Work in Trades – Tammy Williamson



** New** District Sampler Program Tourism and Event Management

- Students will learn the industry of tourism and event management, including hospitality, eco-tourism, Indigenous tourism, local attractions and marketing.
- Students will work on micro-credentials, industry certifications, hands on experience, and take part in field trips that provide networking opportunities.

What You Will Get...

- Tourism 12 (4 credits)
- Marketing 11 or 12 (4 credits)
- Career Life Connections (4 credits)
- Work Experience 12A (4 credits)
- Workplace Certificates credit (4 credits)
- *Optional: additional 4 credits for Work Experience 12B*



** New** District Health Exploratory

- Students will learn all about careers and pathways within health, which include preventative health (proactive measures to prevent disease) and reactive health (treating illnesses and conditions).
- Students will work on industry certifications, take part in three hands on work placements, and attend field trips that provide insights into the health field and the variety of career opportunities.



What you will get:

- Human Anatomy & Physiology 12
- Work Experience 12a – Three placements
- Workforce Training Certificate 12
- Presenters from a variety of sectors
- Health Career Tours

STEP Program and Certifications

Do you have skills to enter the work force?

Sandwich Trades Education Program (STEP)

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
Safety Training	WHIMIS	WHIMIS	Cooking	Supervisor Certificate	Supervisor Certificate
WHIMIS	Carpentry	Concrete	Concrete	Welding	Welding
Carpentry	Electrical	Plumbing			Project Completion



Certifications

- Ladder Safety
- Scaffolding
- Fall Arrest
- WHMIS



Additional Certifications:

WHIMIS
Forklift
First Aid
FoodSafe

Trades Opportunities Grades 9-12



Youth Explore Trades Sampler



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Careers Office

Work Experience 12A & 12B

- Spend a few days shadowing an occupation – we will help set it up
- Complete a 4-credit course towards graduation based on Work Experience, WEX 12A/12B
- Many times, employers have hired students after their volunteer work experience placement is over.
- If you have a job in a career field of interest, you can get 4 or 8 credits towards graduation.

Visit your careers office to make an appointment!





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Questions?



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